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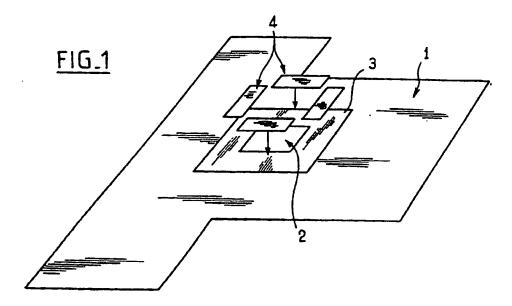
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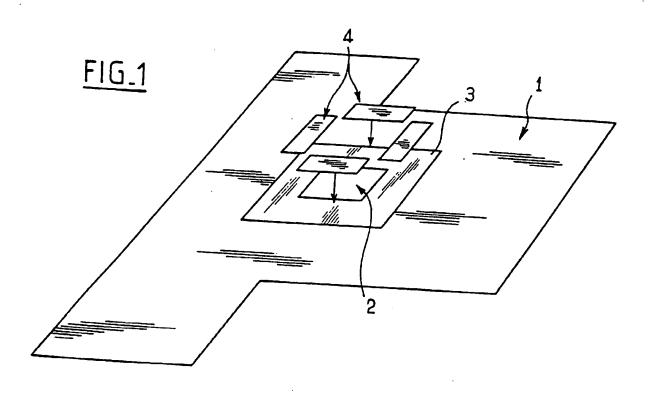
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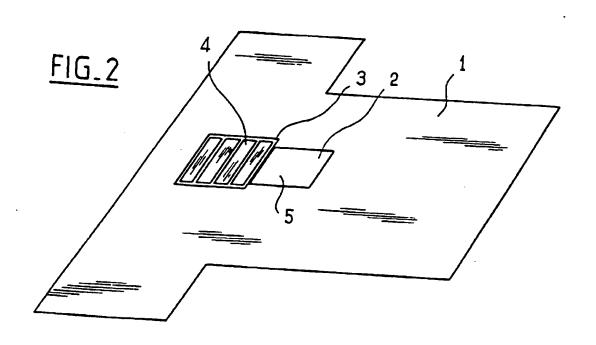
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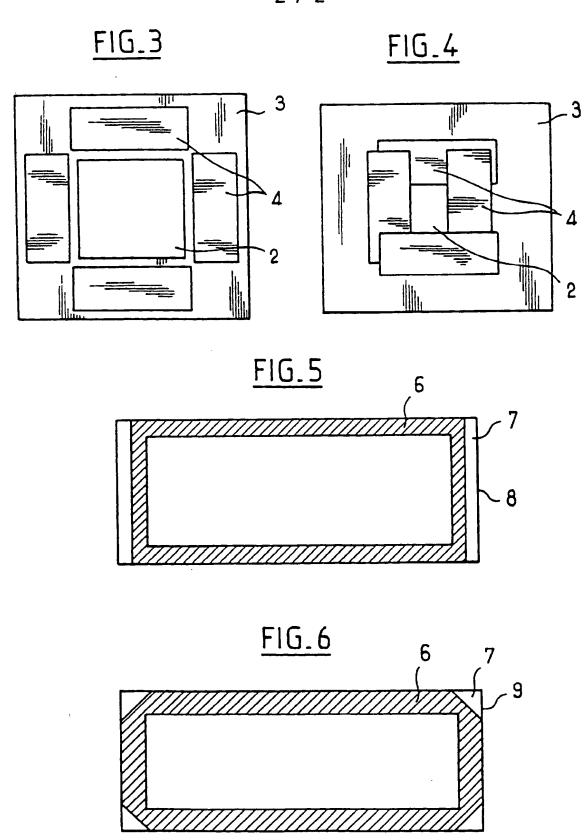
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(57) A surgical drape 1 is of the type comprising an opening 2 of defined dimensions delimiting an operating zone, and is characterized in that the dimensions of the opening 2 can be adjusted by means of at least two separate strips 4, each of these being equipped, on one of their faces, with a repositionable adhesive.









## Adjustable surgical drape

The present invention relates to a surgical drape, in which the size of the window can be adjusted as a function of the operation being performed and as a function of the extent of the operating surface area required by the surgeon.

The role of the surgical drape establish, on the patient, a zone within which the 10 and also to isolate patient from the surrounding enhance the cleanliness and aseptic nature of the operation by virtue of the property of absorbing the body fluids and by virtue of an antimicrobial 15 action. Surgical drapes are generally classed in two principal categories: surgical drapes which can be reused, and surgical drapes which are used only once. Reusable surgical drapes must be washed 20 meticulously, and, in particular, difficult to eliminate the adhesives which have it is often been used for fixing the drape; moreover, it is to ensure complete sterilization of these fabrics which have been in contact with atrisk areas. However, the reusable surgical drapes 25 have the advantage of often being more absorbent and of being less expensive to use. The surgical drapes which are used only once and discarded are more expensive, but they practically eliminate the risks of contamination and they can be treated 30

compositions Another aspect is that the surgical drape has to cover the patient while allowing access to the area to be operated on. To protect the patient 35

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manufacture.

while at the same time creating an access window to the operating zone, the surgeon can simply cut the drape to create an opening. However, this method is not recommended because it can generate particles or fibres which then become vectors of contamination, and it is practically impossible to fix the drape correctly. A great many arrangements have been proposed, for example those described in documents US 3 887 667, EP 140 857, EP 169 316, EP 185 002, EP 619 099, WO 94 24954, EP 631 760, FR 2 720 234, WO 95 10986 or WO 96 01594. Among 10 most recent documents, FR 2 720 234 WO 96 01594 propose systems of four drapes which are equipped with an adhesive edge, by means of which drapes it is possible to form the operating which can be However, such an arrangement has the disadvantage 15 overlapping several fixed, creating edges which are not having requires quite a long period of time for it to be put in place. Moreover, as the surgical drapes are either disposable or recyclable in their entirety, 20 heavily contaminated parts from the only slightly soiled parts. 25

## Object of the invention

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The present invention proposes a novel type surgical drape, characterized in comprises a window which can be adjusted by means of repositionable self-adhesive elements.

## Description of the invention

According to the invention, the surgical drape is obtained from a drape formed in one piece and provided with an opening or window whose size essentially corresponds to the largest size of

window normally needed to perform a given type of operation. Arranged on this drape, and preferably proximity to the window, there are several self-adhesive strips which are provided, on one face, with a pressure-sensitive and repositionable adhesive. By arranging these self-adhesive strips around the limits of the principal opening, the surgeon is at one and the same time able to reduce the size of the window as he sees fit, give the window the shape he wishes, fix the drape on the 10 patient's skin and form a leakproof seal between the drape and the patient. This set of strips, which can be offered in the form of a single pack with the strips fixed by their adhesive around or in proximity to the window, permits rapid and 15 easily adjustable use.

Other advantages and characteristics will become clear from reading the description of several embodiments and from studying the attached drawings, in which:

- Figure 1 is an exploded perspective view of the surgical drape according to a first embodiment of the invention,
- Figure 2 is a plan view of the surgical drape according to another embodiment of the invention,
  - Figures 3 and 4 are plan views of the opening before and after it is reduced in size,
- Figures 5 and 6 are plan views of two types of repositionable adhesive strips which can be used in the embodiments represented in Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 1 shows a surgical drape 1 in which there is an opening or window 2 which is of predetermined dimensions, and around which a zone

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intended to receive which is formed is repositionable self-adhesive strips 4.

Figure 2 shows another form of surgical drape according to the invention, in which the 5 repositionable self-adhesive strips 4 are arranged in parallel, on just one side 5 of the window 2, the said side 5 preferably being the side which is the least exposed to the discharges, that is to say, in the case of an operation on the thoracic cage or abdomen for example, the side which is situated towards the patient's head.

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Figure 3 shows a plan view of the zone 3 of the surgical drape represented in Figure 1, on which zone four strips 4 are arranged, before use, around the window 2, and thus before its size has been reduced.

Figure 4 shows an example of use of the surgical drape, in accordance with which the size of the window 2 has been reduced by moving the repositionable self-adhesive strips 4 in such a way that they come to overlap the border of the original window.

the and 3 Figures By comparing "operational" positioning of the self-adhesive strips has made it possible at one and the same time to reduce the size of the window to adapt it perfectly to the intervention, to fix the surgical drape on the patient's skin by means of the strips, to create a leakproof seal all around the an absorbent and to obtain operating site, perimeter all around the operation zone.

Figures 5 and 6 show the lower face of the repositionable adhesive strips 4, that is to say the face which includes a layer of pressuresensitive adhesive material: according

preferred embodiment of the invention, adhesive layer 6 is arranged only on the circumference of the strip, and areas 7 are left either on a side 8 or at a corner 9 - by means of which it is easy to grip the strip in order to detach it and place it in the desired position. Detailed description

To produce the surgical drape according to the invention, use is made of a drape 1 of a conventional type which is made of an impermeable 10 and absorbent material on the upper face, which can be of a disposable or recyclable type; an opening 2 is then made, the dimensions of which correspond to the largest window necessary for the type of operation envisaged, and a zone 3 around 15 or in proximity to this window is treated so as to give it non-adhesive properties; this result can be obtained by treating the surface of the drape with a non-adhesive varnish, for example a varnish based on acrylates or based on silicone. A non-20 adhesive surface can also be obtained by fixing on the drape a polyethylene, polypropylene polyester film, whose face remaining accessible will be treated with silicone.

The adhesive strips 4 are obtained starting from an absorbent material customarily used for the manufacture of surgical drapes.

The material preferably used is an absorbent material, either woven or non-woven, which is impermeable to liquids and has been treated with antimicrobial means.

This type of material has an absorbent face and an impermeable smooth face which is obtained by coating with a PE film, by which means it is possible to obtain the leakproofness to liquids.

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